Cure of diseases through yoga

1699. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that practicing of Yoga is very useful to cure diseases like diabetes, heart, etc;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that Government are not promoting Yoga through health centres in the country;

(c) what is the amount being spent on Yoga per year by the Government; and

(d) whether Government propose to set-up adequate Yoga centres in the country, and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India has taken a number of steps which include establishment of two National level institutions *i.e.* Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN), New Delhi and the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi for promotion of yoga. Primary health being a State subject, it is for the Governments of respective States to set upYoga centres in different parts of the country.

On its part, the Central Government has been providing direct and indirect support for promotion of yoga.

(c) Provisions made for the CCRYN & MDNIY during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 under plan are as under:—

[Rs in lakhs]

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
CCRYN	175.00	133.25	222.00
MDNIY	317.40	217.50	440.00

(d) Does not arise.